



Department of Defense **DIRECTIVE**

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SUBJECT : Executive Committee of the Department of Defense

A. PURPOSE

This Directive establishes the Executive Committee (**EXCOM**) of the Department of Defense (DoD) .

B. APPLICABILITY AND SCOPE

This Directive applies to the Office of the Secretary of Defense (**OSD**) , the Military Departments, the Joint Chiefs of Staff (**JCS**) , the Joint Staff, the Unified and Specified Commands, the Inspector General of the DoD, the Defense Agencies, and the DoD Field Activities (hereafter referred to collectively as "DoD Components") .

C. MISSION

The **EXCOM** exists to provide the Secretary of Defense the opportunity to receive in confidence and with candor the advice, opinions, and judgments of the Secretary's senior advisors.

D. MEMBERSHIP

1. Membership shall consist of the following officials:

- a. The Secretary of Defense (Chair) ;
- b. The Deputy Secretary of Defense;
- c. The Secretary of the Army;
- d. The Secretary of the Navy;
- e. The Secretary of the Air Force;
- f. The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff;
- g. The Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition; and
- h. The Under Secretary of Defense for Policy.

2. The DoD General Counsel shall serve as the Legal Advisor to the **EXCOM**.

3. The Special Assistant to the Secretary and Deputy Secretary of Defense shall serve as the Executive Secretary of the **EXCOM**.

4. In the case of absence or **disability** of the Secretary of Defense, or when directed by the Secretary of Defense, the Deputy Secretary of Defense **shall** serve as Chair of the **EXCOM**.

5. In the case of absence or disability of the Secretary and Deputy Secretary of Defense, the individual acting as the Secretary of Defense shall serve as the Chair of the **EXCOM**.

E. OPERATION AND ADMINISTRATION

1. The **EXCOM** shall meet at the call of the Chair,

2. Attendance at **EXCOM** meetings is limited to:

a. Members of the **EXCOM**;

b. The Legal Advisor to the **EXCOM**;

c. The Executive Secretary of the **EXCOM**; and

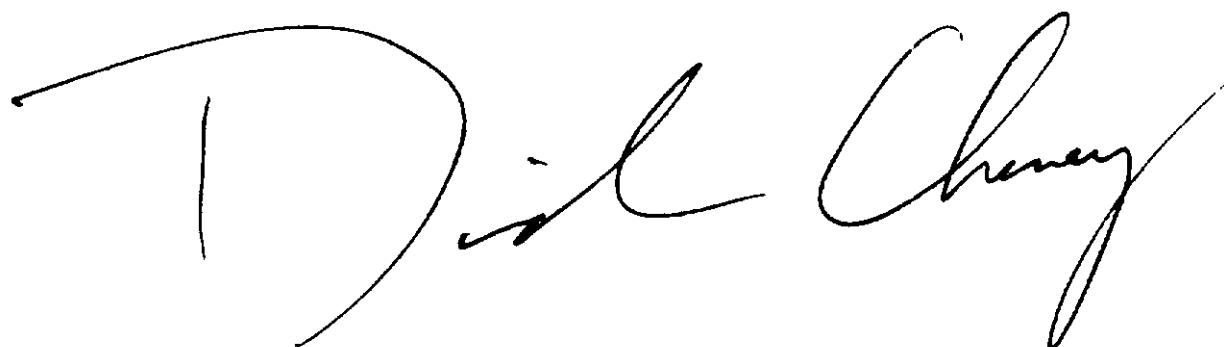
d. Other persons specifically invited by the Chair to attend a particular meeting.

3. For the purposes of ensuring candor at meetings of the **EXCOM**, and to the maximum extent permitted by law, attendees at the **EXCOM** meetings shall not disclose any of the contents of the deliberations of the **EXCOM**.

F. EFFECTIVE DATE

1. This Directive is effective immediately.

2. Nothing in this Directive limits or otherwise affects the authority, direction, and control of the Secretary of Defense over the DoD.

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Dick Cheney". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "D".

RICHARD B. CHENEY
SECRETARY OF DEFENSE